

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) A sealed closure ~~as claimed in claim 20~~, comprising:
 a spout defining an opening;
 a removable plastic part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by
 a frangible region, the removable part including a peninsula formed between the frangible
 region and a slit that divides the removable part and extends into the removable part from
 an edge of the removable part;
 a tearable seal disposed across the opening and attached to the peninsula;
 a pull ring; and
 a leg connecting the pull ring to the peninsula;
 wherein the seal is torn when a force applied to the pull ring is concentrated onto
 the peninsula, and
 wherein the leg is connected to the peninsula at a periphery of the removable part.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2 [[20]], wherein a cutting tooth is provided on an underside of the spout adjacent each side of the peninsula.
- 6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2 [[20]], wherein the slit extends from the edge of the removable part passing close to and beyond a center of the removable part.
10. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2 [[20]], wherein the slit is straight.
11. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2 [[20]], wherein the seal is a foil.
12. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil is welded to a container closed by the closure.
13. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the removable part is a plate having a raised land to which the foil is attached.
14. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil is a multi-layer foil that is weldable on both sides.
15. (Currently amended) A closure comprising a spout defining an opening, a plastic removable part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by a frangible region at an edge of the removable part, the removable part having a ~~corner-shaped~~ peninsula defined by a slit extending into the removable part from the edge of the removable part, a foil attached to the plastic removable part at an enlarged portion of a land beneath the peninsula and to the spout to form a seal across the opening, and a device mounted on the peninsula for applying a force to the peninsula at the periphery of the removable part.
16. (Original) A closure as claimed in claim 15, wherein the force-applying device is a nib.

17. (Previously presented) A closure as claimed in claim 15 further comprising an overcap that engages with the spout by threads, snap fits onto the spout or is adapted to screw to a neck of a bottle to which the closure is fitted.
18. (Currently amended) ~~A container~~ An apparatus comprising:
a container body; and ~~a closure as claimed in claim 15,~~
a closure comprising a spout defining an opening, a plastic removable part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by a frangible region at an edge of the removable part, the removable part having a peninsula defined by a slit extending into the removable part from the edge of the removable part, a foil attached to the plastic removable part at an enlarged portion of a land beneath the peninsula and to the spout to form a seal across the opening, and a device mounted on the peninsula for applying a force to the peninsula at the periphery of the removable part;
wherein the container body is secured to the closure by means of the foil.
19. (Currently amended) ~~A container as claimed in~~ The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the container is made of a material selected from plastics laminate, combined with another material, such as steel or paperboard; PET; or polypropylene.
- 20-21. (Cancelled)